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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Kimmitt

Executive Secretary, National

Security Council

FROM:

Executive Secretary, Senior Interagency

Group (Intelligence)

SUBJECT:

Proposed National Security Decision Directive on

Reporting Hostile Contacts

REFERENCE:

Memorandum from Acting Director of Central

Intelligence to Assistant to the President

for National Security Affairs (dated 18 August 1983);

Same Subject (ER-83-1518/2)

I have been requested by the Chairman, Interagency Group (Counterintelligence) to forward for Judge Clark's information a reservation posed by the Department of State concerning the proposed NSDD.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable William J. Casey

Chairman, Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence)

FROM:

William H. Webster

Chairman, Interagency Group/Counterintelligence

SUBJECT:

Proposed National Security Decision Directive on

Reporting Hostile Contacts

Attached is a copy of a proposed National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) concerning the reporting of contacts by employees of the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government with representatives of hostile foreign governments. This NSDD was prepared by the IG/CI and is forwarded to the SIG(I) for further consideration. All IG/CI members concurred in the draft NSDD except the Department of State. Reservations raised by State, which are attached for your information, were considered and rejected by the entire IG/CI.

William H. Webster

Attachments: a/s

The Department of State believes that the proposed NSDD should not be issued in unclassified form. in its Section II to restrictions on contact with nationals of specific foreign countries or entities will stimulate press and public curiosity as to the criteria for selecting the countries and as to specific identities -- both matters which must remain classified. Moreover, the directive as a whole will be perceived as undue limitation on individual and press freedom without significant impact on the sorts of disclosures which have been recently publicized. As an alternative, the Department of State proposes that a general directive be issued which calls upon all agencies of the US Government to acquaint its employees with existing regulations on non-disclosure of classified information and on reporting contacts with foreign nationals; to review its regulations for adequacy, and enforce them firmly; and, if necessary, to consult with the Department of Justice on the drafting of agency regulations if no present regulations on the subject exist or if they are found to be inadequate.

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